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SUBJ: NEW DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPOINTED

1. CENTRAL PRESS APRIL 4 CARRIES DECREE OF PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET RELEASING ZIYA NURIYEVICH NURIYEV AS MINISTER OF PROCUREMENT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. NURIYEV BECOMES ONE OF 11 DEPUTY CHAIRMEN IN ADDITION TO FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MAZUROV.

2. COMMENT: IT UNCLEAR AT THIS JUNCTURE EXACTLY WHAT PORTFOLIO NURIYEV WILL OCCUPY IN HIS NEW POSITION. BASED ON HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT NURIYEV'S NEW RESPONSIBILITIES COULD FALL IN THE AGRICULTURAL DOMAIN. SINCE POLYANSKIY MOVED TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, THERE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN NO ONE AT DEPUTY MINISTER LEVEL IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR AGRICULTURAL COORDINATION. LATEST MOVE COULD REPRESENT COMPROMISE SOLUTION WITH NURIYEV ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS CONNECTED WITH AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN RANK AT TIME WHEN HIERARCHY UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO APPOINT NEW FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN TO REPLACE POLYANSKIY. WHATEVER THE EXPLANATION FOR THE MOVE, IF NURIYEV EXERCISES CONTROL OVER ANY PORTION OF AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN HIS NEW POSITION, IT WOULD REPRESENT

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FURTHER PROOF THAT POLYANSKIY SUFFERED DEMOTION IN MOVING TO
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